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cation and Housing, carried on under the direction of
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Important in guiding us toward new service needs is our
Long Range Planning Committee, under the capable
hand and stimulating influence of its chairman, James E.
Gallagher. The Committee has been meeting about once
a month through the year. Its chief solid accomplishment
has been to deepen the dialog with the Association Council,
members of which have been sitting with the Committee.
To Long Range Planning goes a large share of the credit

for the constructive working relation-
ship now prevailing with the Council.
Explorations into possible structural
changes both in the MBA and in
CMS continue at these sessions.

Deficit financing continues to
plague us. It is unsolved as it has
formerly been without cutting back
our program. On the short range,
we can continue to meet it, as we have, by sacrificing
invested funds, which could finally kill the goose that lays
the golden egg. Whether a future closer linkage with the
State Conference and the Association will prove a solution
over the long range remains to be seen. It is hard to see how
there can be one budget unless there is first one structure.
It is worthy of note, however, that the assurance for 1968
of Conference funding up to nearly \$50,000 of our \$300,200
budgeted program represents a first in history.

Staff changes are inevitable, and we ride the waves
through them. 1967 presented us, and now 1968 will pre-
sent us, with an unusual number. Ronald Hafer and
William Kennedy left us in 1967; neither has been replaced
nor are we ready to replace them. Mae Durkee retired,
and apart from a one-day per week replacement in Mrs.
Edith Cranshaw, her post remains to be filled. Lillian
Moeschler retired after 23 years of faithful and creative
service through Religious Education; Special Ministries



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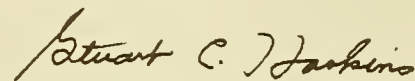
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will, we plan, continue her work as well as provide new educational programs — when a new Executive Secretary is on the ground. After a summer under part-time Director of Camping Allan Martling, Larry Huntley began with us in Camping. S. Carlisle Crosby plans to retire from our Treasurer's post in the summer, and we shall be searching for a replacement for this capable and faithful servant.

A salute, with warm thanks, to Staff, Officers, Committees, Corporation members, our more than 1600 volunteers and a host of others, with very special thanks to the members of the Board of Directors for their faithful help.

Finally, I speak of Nelsen Schlegel. We all are saddened to think that Dr. Schlegel will soon be leaving us. I am among those who have known him as a friend for close to forty years. I have enjoyed working closely with him these last three. Dr. Schlegel has asked to be released from his post no later than March 31. A Committee under Harold Lane is working very hard and resourcefully to find a successor in this important post. While our work is in no sense marking time during the search, large changes in the directions of our program or in structure are certain to wait upon the selection of a new Executive. My words of appreciation and "bon voyage" for the Schlegels — both Nelsen and Charlotte — will be expressed at another time through another medium than this report. Suffice it for now to say that if we have had a good year, it is due in great part to Nelsen's leadership.

We look to a future with hope and confidence because we believe that the Lord will help us to find a new leader worthy of the dedicated and capable performance Nelsen and Charlotte have given us these six years.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Stuart C. Jenkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' at the beginning.

President

Report of the Executive Secretary

People everywhere have been jolted in recent years to the fact that “the war on poverty” is a necessity. Followers of one who said “I have come that they might have life, and have it more abundantly” have a particular stake in this war. Our participation is inescapable!

We have long recognized the needs of the poor in old Boston. Indeed, Boston has *four* denominational missionary societies, three of which were formed early in the 19th century, all with the same purpose — *to serve the needs of the poor*. We know something of the enormity of the task. We believe we have made a significant contribution in a variety of services during the years.

Let us take a look at what we have been doing this last year.

Social Services

In this, our 151st year, social services continued to be the principal expression of our concern. During part of the year there were ten persons on our field staff, working with more than five hundred families: counselling on family relationships, helping with emergency financial needs and budget problems, and with matters affecting housing, education and health. 4958 calls were made in homes, and there were innumerable office visits by persons with special problems.

These ten missionary social workers carried out assignments in six of Boston's health and welfare areas, and in

Somerville. They had their offices in churches of the United Church of Christ, but their services were given to anyone who needed them, without regard to religion, race or nationality. Two students from the Boston College School of Social Work also carried out field assignments under the guidance of Horace Besecker, our Director of Social Services.



Two staff members were engaged in community organization work in the first half of 1967: one of them at the Blue Hill Christian Center, the other in the Washington Park area. The development of the Area 12 Neighborhood program was one of Mr. Kennedy's major projects before he moved to a new position in Hartford. We are now planning to work with the Ecumenical Center in advancing this kind of program in Roxbury.

We are now in the fourth year of our Volunteer Case Aide program, which was designed to assist the Boston Redevelopment Authority in the relocation of multi-problem families in the Washington Park urban renewal area. The enthusiastic leadership of Mrs. Jane Day, and the effective work of twenty-five volunteers, have drawn much favorable attention to our program. Several volunteers who said they would work for one year are now in their third year in this service. Freedom House in Roxbury has generously provided free office quarters for the Case Aides.

Volunteers

Numerous other volunteers have been recruited and prepared for special programs by Mrs. Besecker, our Director of Voluntarism. They have given many kinds of help: legal advice to families, transportation for persons and material, counselling, visiting, manual work skills, etc. There have been hundreds of persons engaged in volunteer



◀ Horace Besecker and two staff members
examine Society's service map

services, most of which were intended to lift the burdens of poverty.

Families with whom we work often face pressing financial problems. The Society's limited resources do not permit extensive grants. In our search for aid we have received much encouragement from other agencies and trust funds. We would especially thank the Howard Benevolent Society for particular help to many of our needy families.

Camping

The Society's summer program reached nearly 400 boys and girls in its two youth camps, Andover-Waldron. A few of the most recent campers are the grandchildren of some of those who went to Andover-Waldron when they were first opened in the 1920's. Today social agencies are increasingly interested in the unique aspects of these camps, where we have always emphasized an "interracial, intercultural and interdenominational" enrollment policy. One agency, the Massachusetts Division of Child Guardianship, sent 35 children from foster homes for one or more periods in camp last summer. A staff of more than 60 persons, drawn largely from college campuses, made valuable contributions to the lives of campers in their charge.

The Rev. Larry Huntley, recently appointed full-time Director of Camps, has plans for next summer which include further development of decentralized programs, and wider use of wooded areas of our 300 acres for "outpost" and "wilderness" camp experiences.



Our camping programs have had much help from trust funds. The Society is especially indebted to the Charles Hayden Foundation and to the Godfrey M. Hyams Trust for aid with valuable property improvements in Camp Waldron. A paved road into the camp, new wash houses, and fire fighting and waterfront equipment have greatly enhanced the usefulness of Waldron Camp.

A grant from the Committee of the Permanent Charity Fund enabled us to purchase a small but important addition to the Andover beach area. A recent grant from the Ellison Foundation will make it possible for us to receive the remainder of a matching gift from the Charles Hayden Foundation and assist the camp committee with plans for further improvements to camp property. Even so, however, we still have a long way to go in efforts to meet the recommendations made by the Harlow studies sponsored by United Community Services several years ago.

Our Family and Rosemary Camps were well attended in 1967: 52 parents and 152 children gave us a full house

at Farrington Memorial. These were all inner city residents, most of them from public housing projects, off in the country for a few days of rest and rejuvenation. Joining in the fun at Farrington were 31 ladies, ranging in age from 65 to 85. These women spend lonely months in their small quarters in the city. They are happy for summertime opportunities to be in the country in our Camp Meadowcrest, and to enjoy rides provided by thoughtful volunteers.



The Society's summer program also included a continuation of "Funmobile" and "Friendly Town". Funmobile served hundreds of small children on parking lots at public housing spots in Roxbury and East Boston. The happy face in the accompanying photo testifies to the value of Funmobile.

Friendly Town

There were 47 Friendly Towns this year, with 261 host families entertaining 304 juvenile guests for two-week periods. Friendly Town has grown in usefulness since the summer of 1961 when only a handful of children went from the ghetto to one Friendly Town. This program has done much to increase dialog between inner city and suburban people. Out of these contacts some strong friendships have developed.

Miss Lillian Moeschler's skill in promoting Funmobile, Friendly Town, and other educational projects has been invaluable.



Picnic Time in a Friendly Town ➡



Housing

The Society's most recent program is with the Commissions on Housing and Education, both of which were initiated by the Committee on Mission and Service of the Metropolitan Boston Association. In less than two years the Commission on Housing has become well known in Boston. The Commission's Director, the Rev. Edward B. Blackman, had much to do with a widely publicized study, "Public Housing at the Crossroads: The Boston Housing Authority". Recommendations from this study have received attention by public officials, and Boston's new mayor has incorporated some of them in his program.

CMS committees have been working with related committees in the Metropolitan Boston Association, seeking to discover ways to involve more people in significant mission. A Long-Range Planning Committee has been examining the several departments of the Society's work, and plans are being made for new programs to be developed with funds anticipated from the Advance program soon to be launched by the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church.

PUBLIC HOUSING AT THE CROSSROADS: THE BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY



Joint Action for Mission

The Society's Board of Directors has agreed that all new future programs, as far as possible, shall be "ecumenical" in nature. To this end it has joined officially with Boston's other missionary societies in the endorsement of JAM — Joint Action for Mission. This is an outgrowth of the activities of the City Missionary Council, with which we have been associated since its beginning nearly six years ago. JAM projects will come under the guidance of the new Metropolitan Commission, recently established by the Massachusetts Council of Churches in cooperation with the missionary societies and Councils of Churches in a number of Boston suburbs.

There is much to do in the "war on poverty". The Church's concern, and the concern of public and private agencies, for disadvantaged people, and the many new government-sponsored anti-poverty programs, are all needed, and they must be coordinated to get the job done. Our programs seek to focus the attention of the Church on problems that can be met by volunteers and by a relatively small staff of professionally trained workers. We shall continue to adapt our programs to meet new challenges.

The generous support of churches and people, and the much appreciated support of trust funds, has undergirded our program in many years past. The financial reports on the next pages will indicate the extent of contributions received last year, and witness also to our need for even

greater income if we are to meet the increasing demands for Christian service.

I conclude this statement with sincere thanks to the many fine people with whom I have been privileged to work in these last six years. The friendship and support of devoted persons on the staff, in the Board of Directors, in the Corporation and its several working committees, and in the M B A Council, are greatly appreciated. It has been a rewarding experience to be associated with those who want the Church to have a meaningful place in today's world. I pray for God's richest blessing on the efforts of all who will continue to make the City Missionary Society an effective witness to the redemptive love of God.

F. Nelson Schlegel

Date Due

Summary of Financial Transact

October 31, 1967

Income

Interest on pooled investments.....				nces (except camping program Education Department).....	\$106,426.50
Contributions from:					
Churches, for all purposes.....				Office rent, telephone, social secu-	
Individuals, for all purposes.....				sary, etc.....	50,742.00
Trusts and Foundations (designed for use in soc				sion Department.....	16,903.12
services, camperships, and improvements				grams, Andover-Waldron.....	75,415.28*
camp property).....				lowcrest Camps.....	10,003.35
United Church of Christ, for use in the Departm				emergency needs.....	14,011.26
of Housing and Education.....				uitants.....	606.56
Campers' fees: tuition, etc.....				sts.....	\$274,108.07
Drawn from "unrestricted" invested funds.....				to investment account.....	60,151.13
Operating income.....				to investment accounts.....	15.03
Legacies received:					\$334,274.23
"Restricted"..... \$51,273				per 31, 1967.....	5,177.69
Unrestricted..... 8,877					\$339,451.92
Total.....					
Cash balance November 1, 1966.....				\$12,561.84 for Camp Waldron improvements, and	
Total.....				base.	

Mr. William E. Jones

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